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"SPINNING APPARATUS AND METHOD
WITH BLOWING BY MEANS OF A
COOLING GAS STREAM"

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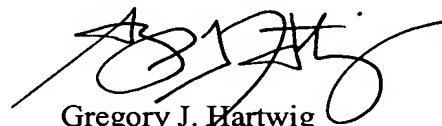
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